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REMARKS

In a February 3, 2010 final office action, Examiner rejected claims 1-11, 13-21 and 23-76 (all pending claims) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Summers in view of Roseman and further in view of Christofferson and Hales and Jiang (U.S. Patent No. 6,167,432).

According to the present application, certain participants in a conference also can be granted a different level of capability or certain advanced features that are not granted or are inaccessible to other participants. A hierarchical conferencing scheme can be set up by the member administrator to grant some of the capabilities/advanced features to certain participants in the conference while withholding those capabilities/advanced features from other participants. The independent claims and dependent claim 2 have been amended to include limitations related to this differentiation of classes of participants as created by the member administrator. Support for these amendments can be found at least at page 11 and page 25 of the present application.

In addition, claim 3 has been amended to include a limitation related to the member administrator having the capability to record, transcribe and translate in real time both the avatar conference and the original conference to distinguish from the cited prior art. Support for this amendment can be found at least at page 19 of the present application.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for reasons clearly apparent, the Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims. If there are any matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of the Application, the Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 512-306-8533 at the Examiner's convenience.

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